

WASHINGTON STATE BOUNDARY REVIEW BOARD FOR KING COUNTY
SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
CITY OF
RENTON "MAPLEWOOD ADDITION" ANNEXATION (FILE NO. 2197)
MARCH 20, 2006

The following Minutes are a summary of the Special Meeting/Public Hearing for the City of Renton's proposal for the Maplewood Addition Annexation (File No. 2197). Complete written transcripts are available from the Boundary Review Board.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Charles Booth, Chair, convened the meeting of March 20, 2006 at 7:00 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

The following members were present at the Special Meeting and Public Hearing:

Robert Cook	A.J. Culver
Lynn Guttman	Ethel Hanis
Claudia Hirschey	Roger Loschen
Michael Marchand	Judy Tessandore

III. PUBLIC HEARING

INTRODUCTION:

Chair Booth stated that the purpose of the Special Meeting is to conduct a Public Hearing on the Maplewood Addition Annexation, a proposal submitted by the City of Renton to the Boundary Review Board in April 2005. The Boundary Review Board is charged with the task of providing independent review and decision-making with respect to applications for municipal annexation.

Chair Booth described the standards for a quasi-judicial public hearing and the scope of the hearing. He explained the process for taking public testimony. Chair Booth opened the public hearing.

Chair Booth and Ethel Hanis described the proposed annexation noting the following:

On April 21, 2005 the proponent, the City of Renton, filed an application for the Maplewood Addition Annexation with the Boundary Review Board. The City of Renton is proposing to annex 60.5 acres located on the east boundary of the City of Renton. The Annexation Area is generally bordered on the west by the City of Renton. The eastern and southern boundaries of the annexation area are generally formed by the Cedar River. The northern boundary of the annexation area is generally formed by the Maple Valley Highway (SR 169) and the Maplewood Golf Course. The annexation area is primarily developed with residential uses.

Following the invoking of the Board's jurisdiction, the City of Renton filed a request that the Board approve and modify the proposed annexation and proposed three "options" for modification. This request is contained in correspondence from the City of Renton to the Board dated March 7, 2006.

Special Assistant Attorney General Kaufman administered the oath to all those indicating their intention to testify. Thereafter the Chair opened testimony and Ms. Hanis called the Proponent to testify at 7:32 PM.

PROPONENT PRESENTATION: CITY OF RENTON

City representatives Don Erickson and Alex Pietsch testified on behalf of the City of Renton. Mr. Pietsch stated that the City would concentrate its comments on the original annexation area and would reserve comments regarding modification. Mr. Pietsch then introduced Mr. Erickson.

Mr. Erickson reviewed the chronology of the proposed annexation. He discussed the topography of the proposed annexation and the areas surrounding the annexation, and reviewed the services presently provided to the area and the service that would be provided upon annexation. He addressed fire protection, sewer issues, water service, septic issues, and land uses under King County and proposed land use following annexation. He reviewed the negative financial impact the proposed annexation would have on the City based upon the assumption of that 161 homes lie within the annexation area.

Mr. Erickson touched upon the reasons for the requested expansion including aquifer protection, flooding and landslides, surface water runoff issues, and the creation of a “gateway” to the Maple Valley Highway.

PRESENTATIONS BY GOVERNMENT JURISDICTIONS:

KING COUNTY: Karen Reed, KING COUNTY EXECUTIVE – OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Ms. Reed, representing the King County Executive Office of Management and Budget, stated that King County officials support the City of Renton’s proposal to annex the area as originally proposed. She reviewed the *Report to the Washington State Boundary review Board of King County In the Matter of the City of Renton’s Maplewood Addition Annexation* that was made a part of the record. She also stated that the original proposal would have no affect on the proposed incorporation of Fairwood.

FIRE DISTRICT NO. 40: Paul Witt testified on behalf of the fire district. He stated no opposition to the original proposal and elaborated on concerns about the impact of the proposed expansion of the original annexation area.

GENERAL TESTIMONY:

Eight persons testified – as individuals or as representatives of community groups -- with respect to the proposed Maplewood Addition Area Annexation. Those speakers included Rene Anderson, Bill Haltine, Rod Kaseguma, John Ruble, Stephanie Lorenz, Beverly Spears, Sue Hopkins, and Ron Billock.

REBUTTAL: Messrs Pietsch and Erickson, City of Renton, offered rebuttal to the testimony provided by the witnesses identified above.

IV. DETERMINATION OF THE STATUS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

At the completion of public testimony, Chair Booth instructed the Board with respect to procedures for closure (or continuation) of the public hearing.

Action: Ethel Hanis moved and Roger Loschen seconded a motion that the Boundary Review Board recess the public hearing until the Board completes its hearing on the proposed incorporation of the City of Fairwood. At that time the Board shall consider whether to conduct a modification hearing to consider expansion of the proposed annexation.

Following discussion, eight members voted in favor of the motion (Booth, Marchand, Culver, Guttmann, Hanis, Hirschey, Loschen and Tessandore), and one member voted against the motion (Cook).

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Michael Marchand moved and Lynn Guttmann seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.